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Undersecretary Fore Honors Consulate Employees

Newly appointed U.S. Undersecretary of State for Management Henrietta H. Fore used her first official trip overseas to honor those who lost their lives in the Dec. 6, 2004 attack on the U.S. Consulate General in Jeddah. In presenting the Thomas Jefferson Star for Foreign Service to the victims' families, Secretary Fore affirmed that the tremendous sacrifice of locally engaged staff members Mohammed Basheeruddin, Imaduddin Musa Ali, Romeo Delarosa, and Ali Yaslem Bin Talib will continue to be remembered by the people of the United States.

Speaking to a group that included Ambassador James C. Oberwetter, Consul General Tatiana C. Gfoeller, and Executive Director of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs Edward Alford, Secretary Fore also recognized 16 current and former Consulate employees by presenting them with the Heroism Award for outstanding courage and performance under unusually dangerous circumstances.

Consul General Gfoeller thanked Undersecretary Fore for choosing Jeddah as her initial stop on her first trip abroad, noting that this symbolized the Department of State's appreciation for the commitment of the Consulate's employees.